

### Structure of Exam

**Assessment details:**

Listening exam: 25% (30 mins + 5 mins reading time Foundation, 40 mins + 5 mins reading time Higher)

Speaking exam: 25% (7-9 mins Foundation, 10-12 min Higher)

Reading exam: 25% ( 45 mins Foundation, 1 hour Higher )

Writing exam: 25% (1 hour 10 mins Foundation, 1 hour 20 mins Higher)

<p><b>Exam Paper Links:</b></p>	<p><b>Useful Websites / Apps:</b></p>
<p>All relevant Exam Materials on Subject Resources on Firefly</p> <p><a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses.html</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.linguascope.com/">http://www.linguascope.com/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/</a></p>
<p><b>How to revise:</b></p>	<p><b>Tips to Answer Common Questions:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use your revision guide/Workbook independently to practise key skills/questions. (Edexcel 9-1 for GCSE French/German/Spanish)</li> <li>▪ Attend any extra sessions that your teacher is putting on.</li> <li>▪ Make revision flashcards with core and key technical vocabulary on to aid recall and make revising fun!</li> <li>▪ Have clear folders set up electronically or otherwise to store Role play phrases and phrases to help you describe a photograph.</li> <li>▪ Revise your tenses regularly remembering to cover a range of both regular and irregular verbs.</li> <li>▪ Do as much independent work as you can, listening to French/German/Spanish films and music as well as any television or radio programmes.</li> <li>▪ Do as much reading as you can using authentic sources; the more you read, the more familiar you will become to recognising key words and phrases.</li> <li>▪ Keep examples of modelled work clearly so you can use these to help produce accurate and fluent work at the right pathway standard for you.</li> <li>▪ Practise translation skills independently so that you are best prepared to deal with the challenges of the GCSE exam!</li> </ul>	<p>Listening &amp; Reading skills: Watch out for cognates Pay attention to the use of negatives Identify key verbs/vocabulary/structures In the listening exam know when to expect short excerpts and when you will hear the whole passage without pauses. Use the reading time wisely at the start of the listening exam and notate if necessary. Look at the question words and ANSWER the questions specifically. Read all questions first before you start reading the text. Answer all questions and don't leave any gaps. Answers will generally be found chronologically so answer to question 1 will appear near the start of the text, etc. Apply sensible 'educational guesses' rather than 'knee-jerk' reactions to answer questions you are unsure of.</p>